



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to the 12-month contract with WORKSOURCE-- GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, Austin, TX, for childcare quality improvement and client services to increase the contract by \$10,610, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$50,414, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$59,127 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$168,668.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$54,955 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Certification. The initial contract period is January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. There is no specific grant period for the Certification Fund since it is a multi-year fund. No match is required. Funding for extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background

WorkSource – Greater Austin Area Workforce Development Board, was awarded a contract for childcare quality improvement services as a result of a Request for Applications process held in 2004. The contract amount was \$39,804 and was awarded administratively by HHSD for calendar year 2005 with two extension options. Approval of this amendment will add a client services position to the existing contract effective August 1, 2005. With the increase, the contract amount exceeds the administrative contract limit set by Council; therefore, Council approval is requested. The \$10,610 amount increases the current calendar 2005 contract to \$50,414; and \$59,127 is the annual amount for each of the two 12-month extension options. Travis County will fund one-half of the client services position through a separate County contract with WorkSource for each of the extension options

In discussions with childcare providers and consumers, problems related to parents' inability to pay sliding scale childcare fees (co-pay) were identified. Parents were losing their subsidized child care, and children's continuity of care was disrupted. In coordination with WorkSource, a method was developed to help parents keep their childcare services and reduce turnover of WorkSource clients due to fee payment problems.



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This contract amendment no. 1 will provide a client services position at WorkSource Child Care Solutions to reach out to parents with fee payment problems, identify parents who are eligible for temporary fee reductions, and refer parents to community resources such as emergency assistance and financial management. Providers will also be trained on how to work with parents to prevent payment problems and about community resources that are available to parents.

The original quality improvement contract provides training for childcare providers with special focus on training directors and helping providers improve quality to meet and maintain Texas Rising Star certification (childcare quality standards).

Performance Measures

Related Goals:

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

There are no changes in the original contract performance measures; however, the following measures are added for the client services position:

Outcomes

Percent of families whose child care continues as a result of Client Services Position intervention and assistance	75%
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Outputs

Number of family contacts attempted	450
Number of childcare providers with high incidence of parent fee payment problems receiving training and technical assistance	12

Requested Council Action

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